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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIN,PORT NL  
SUBJ: CONTINUING DUTCH INTEREST IN ACTIVATING FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
FUND

REF: TH HAGUE 3942

1. DURING AUGUST 3 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON LOAN ARRANGEMENTS FOR PORTUGAL RANNER OF FINANCE MINISTRY TOLD E/C COUNSELOR THAT, SINCE WITTEVEEN FUND IS NEARING COMPLETION AND HAS NOT ACHIEVED DESIRED TARGET, DUTCH HOPE USG AND OTHERS WILL NOW FAVOR ACTIVATINGOECD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND (FSF)  
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BECAUSE IT COULD BE VERY USEFUL IN SETTING GENERAL FRAMEWORK TO HELP MEMBER COUNTRIES FACING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, SUCH AS PORTUGAL, POSSIBLYTURKEY, AND ITALY, WHILE PERMITTING OECD TO LAY DOWN AMELIORATIVE CODITIONS THT COULD BE MADE FAR MORE EFFECTIVE THAN AD HOC BILATERAL ARARANGEMENTS. AT SAME TIME, HE SAID, FUNDING OF GENERAL FSF WOULD BE FAR EASIER FOR DUTCH TO ARRANGE THAN HAVING TO GO THROUGH INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL

BATTLE OF FUNDING EACH AD HOC LOAN PROGRAM, INCLUDING OVERCOMING TENDENCIES OF SOME MINISTRIES TO WANT TO TIE BP LOAN. HE ADDED THAT AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS ALSO TEND TO "OVER POLITICIZE" THE PROBLEMS OF ARRANGING FUNDS AND CITED POSSIBLE FUTURE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS NEEDS OF TURKEY AS SUBJECT THAT MIGHT GENERATE CONTENTIOUS DEBATE IF HANDLED ON AN AD HOC BASIS. HE NOTED THAT DUTCH HAD FOUND THAT EVEN EC ARRANGEMENTS TO HELP ITALY HAD NOT BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN LAYING DOWN AND ENFORCING AMELIORATIVE CONDITIONS. WHILE AGREEING THAT IMF CAN PLAY THE ROLE OF ENFORCER, HE SAID DUTCH BELIEVE OECD MIGHT ALSO BE AN EFFECTIVE ALLAY OF AND EVEN A POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTE FOR IMF IN HELPING TO BRING ABOUT AMELIORATIVE ACTIONS BY BP BORROWERS.

2. COMMENT: DUTCH OBVIOUSLY ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ACTIVATION OF FSF. THEREFORE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE CURRENT READING ON USG POSITION REGARDING FSF AS WELL AS GUIDANCE ON WHAT IF ANYTHING WE SHOULD SAY TO DUTCH OFFICIALS ABOUT FSF. BROWN

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